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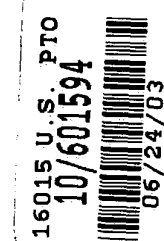
June 24, 2003

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of **Takeyasu KANEKO**
BEARING UNIT FOR WHEEL AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
THE SAME
Assignee: **NSK LTD.**
Our Ref: **Q75938**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/789,846 (Confirmation No.: 7031) filed February 22, 2001 of Takeyasu KANEKO entitled BEARING UNIT FOR WHEEL AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 6 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Assignment, an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3617.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This is a continuation of Application No. 09/789,846 filed February 22, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. --

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P. 2000-045479	February 23, 2000

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/789,846.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>1</u> - <u>20</u>	=	<u> </u> x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u> \$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - <u>3</u>	=	<u> </u> x	\$84.00	=	<u> </u> \$0.00
Base Fee						\$750.00

TOTAL FILING FEE						<u>\$750.00</u>
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A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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